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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6171

INFO AMCONSUL MELBOURNE

AMCONSUL SYDNEY

S E C R E T CANBERRA 4657

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, US, AS

SUBJECT: NPW VISITS TO AUSTRALIA

REF: CANBERRA 2625

1. THE DRAFT DFA EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON NPW VISITS MENTIONED IN REFTEL WAS WRITTEN BY A NON-LAWYER IN DFA WHOSE SOLE CONCERN WAS TO INSURE THAT THE USG MAKE IT CLEAR THAT USG LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES ARISING FROM A NUCLEAR INCIDENT BE BASED UPON PL-95-513 RATHER THAN UPON THE STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT. AS FAR AS THE EMBASSY IS AWARE, NO LAWYER WAS CONSULTED PRIOR TO THE DRAFTING OF THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF NOTES. IF THE PROPOSED NOTES EXPOSE A LEGAL FLAW IN THE APPLICATION OF PL-95-513 IN THE EVENT OF A NUCLEAR INCIDENT, IT WAS PURELY INADVERTANT.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPT GIVE THE EMBASSY ITS VIEWS ON PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF NOTES OUTLINED IN REFTEL.  
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